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Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: January 12, 2015
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:34 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Kelly Owens, DCS Regional Manager; Mark Munchel, Kathy Hobson and Hannah Robinson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Judge Beth Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court; and Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; Catherine McNamara, Union County DCS.

Others In Attendance: Don Travis, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Initiatives and Support, DCS; Matt Gooding, Program Director, Probation services, DCS; Marla Steele, Hope Center/Cradles; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Norm Smith, Wernle; L.J. Johnson and Terri Sigler, Meridian Health Services; Tatum Miller, Youth Villages; Kay Peyton, Family Services and Prevention Programs; Angi Johnson and Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau; and Bob Daughtery, DCS Regional Finance Manager.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.
- b) Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation, serving as proxy for Judge Mary Willis.



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II. Approval of Minutes

Bill Ammerman moved to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting. Kelly Broyles seconded the motion which was passed with no opposing votes. Minutes approved.

III. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:

The *Community Partners for Child Safety* report was distributed.

Carl Scheib reported:

- Referrals- October to December referrals totaled 221;
- Material relief funds noted;
- Events-
 - “Working with Families when substance abuse is an issue” workshop in November was well received and will be held again in the spring. The spring event to include the addition of having addicts/former addicts speak briefly. Scheib noted this is a very powerful tool.
 - St. Michael’s coat and winter apparel drive- 250 coats/accessories donated which is down from usual. This could be attributed to a timing change as the date was bumped up a bit.

IV. Regional Coordinator Report:

Kara Casavan was unable to attend due to inclement weather. Due to printing issues, the list of RFPs forwarded to Owens by Casavan was unable to be presented to the council. The RFPs will be forwarded via email.

V. Prevention Dollars for FY2015:

Owens asked for input/interest from council members regarding opening RFPs for 2015. She explained that today the council would decide to open bids. Then, which direction do we go? Which categories? After discussion, Mark Munchel moved to allow the option to open up the process for bids with topics to include Positive Parenting; Drug Abuse Prevention and Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention. Judge Butsch seconded the motion which passed with no opposing votes.

Owens reported the amount of dollars was unknown at this time, but it is estimated to be the same as last year.

Tentative timeline:

02/02/15- RFPs open

02/20/15- RFPs due

03/04/15- RFP scoring

04/13/15- RFPs to council for voting

VI. Regional Finance Manager Report:

Daugherty distributed the *Family and Children Services Financial Status Report-Region 12, State Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Cumulative for December 2014*. Daugherty reported Region 12 was allotted



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\$8.8 million dollars total budget. To date, Region 12 has expended 55% of the total budget- approximately 5% over- which for the region is a good report.

VII. Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

VIII. Public Comment:

- Judge Butsch introduced Marla Steele with the Hope Pregnancy/Cradles program. Butsch explained that Fayette County has one of the highest pregnancy rates in Indiana and she is very impressed with the program. Steele spoke briefly about the Hope Pregnancy/Cradles program, including speaking to their parenting classes, high school and college credits that can be earned through their program for those who graduate, and transportation concerns for students. As well as beginning to offer education in more areas of prevention (heroin/drug abuse) and taking the family approach, educating on the toddler years preparing for school. The program is open to boys as well as girls. The council was invited to take a tour of the facility.
- Kay Peyton invited the council to the Fayette County Drug Coalition meeting held the first Monday of each month at 9:30am at the Fayette County School Corporation Resource Center.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2015, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

Meeting Adjourned:

Bill Ammerman moved to adjourn with Kathy Hobson seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.



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